

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 – 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein and add the new claims appearing on the following pages:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

17. (New) Gaming table for use with electronic memory microchip gaming chips, comprising:

- a tabletop including a gaming chip storage area and at least one gaming chip testing area,

- at least one test station including a communication unit adapted to exchange information with the memory of a gaming chip in said test area by means of an antenna device disposed on and/or in said tabletop, the communication unit being associated with a processing unit for processing information contained in said memory, and

- at least one display device for displaying an output message obtained from the processing unit and based at least in part on information contained in said memory, said display device including a screen on and/or in said tabletop,

wherein the display device is physically separate from the casing of said test station and the chip test area and the screen of the display device are close together, beside said storage area and in reach and in view of the operator of the table.

18. (New) Gaming table according to claim 17, wherein the screen of the display device is a flat screen mounted flush with the tabletop.

19. (New) Gaming table according to claim 17, of the type in which the tabletop has a rectangular or pseudo-rectangular shape with two longer sides, namely a proximal operator side carrying said storage area, which is also of rectangular or pseudo-rectangular shape, and a distal customer side, wherein the chip test area is in the vicinity of a shorter side of said storage area.

20. (New) Gaming table according to claim 19, wherein the chip test area and the screen of the display device are substantially on respective opposite sides of a substantially distal corner of the storage area.

21. (New) Gaming table according to claim 19, wherein the screen of the display device has a single display line parallel to the proximal longer side of the tabletop.

22. (New) Gaming table according to claim 17, wherein the communication unit is wholly or partially under the tabletop of the table and said test station also incorporates in its casing the processing unit which has an output connected to the display device.

23. (New) Gaming table according to claim 17, wherein the chip storage area is a chip rack.

24. (New) Gaming table according to claim 23, wherein the chip test area is beside a tip box.

25. (New) Gaming table according to claim 23, including two chip test areas disposed laterally on either side of the chip rack and combined either with a screen that is centrally located with respect to the rack or with two lateral screens.

26. (New) Gaming table according to claim 23, wherein the screen or the screens is or are placed immediately in front of the chip rack on the customer side.

27. (New) Gaming table according to claim 17, including on the tabletop of the table other areas for electronically reading or reading/writing gaming chips associated with antennas having appropriate multiplex connections to the test station and via said test station to the screen of the display device.

28. (New) Gaming table according to claim 27, wherein the electronic reading or reading/writing areas consist of the gaming stations of the table.

29. (New) Gaming table according to claim 17, wherein the table constitutes a blackjack, baccarat, minibaccarat or stud poker gaming table, a gaming table for games derived from the above games, a cash table or a change table.

30. (New) Gaming room surveillance equipment including at least one gaming table according to claim 17, including at least one display duplicator device associated with said display device and including a second screen external to the gaming table that can be viewed by a second gaming room operator.

31. (New) Surveillance equipment according to claim 30, wherein the display duplicator device is near the location of said second operator who is a table chief or a table supervisor.

32. (New) Surveillance equipment according to claim 30, wherein the display duplicator device is integrated into the video surveillance system of the gaming room by means of a serial external interface, an IP network or an analogous network, with embedded display on screens of video monitors of gaming room surveillance or security staff.